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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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To Commissioner For Patents

Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

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| Application Number | 09/973,311 |
| Filing Date | OCTOBER 9, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Karen I. TROVATO |
| Group Art Unit | 2143 |
| Examiner Name | Joseph E. AVELLINO |
| Attorney Docket Number | US010479 |

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **MARCH 20, 2006**.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____ (may not be a brief)

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(l))

b. Other _____

3. Fees

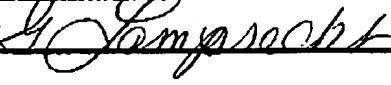
a. The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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